

within the opinion of the Board of Appeals and felt that the claims were allowable as amended. The Examiner held that the claims were still not in condition for allowance and issued the final rejection. The Applicant has once more amended the claims of the instant application and believes that they are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed below.

The only remaining reference over which the Examiner rejected the claims of the Applicant is Yamada et al. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. As discussed previously, Yamada et al shows a continuous ink jet type of printer whereby he is able to produce dots of two different sizes and forms characters by a combination of the two different size dots.

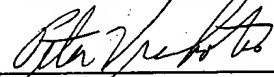
The Applicant has amended the claims to cover an apparatus or method whereby characters are produced by intermeshing dots of at least three different sizes. As stated in the Applicant's specification, the preferable number of different size dots to be used in producing characters is three. As stated, using less than three different size dots would decrease the quality of printing. In addition, all of the examples given with reference to the drawing, show the use of three dots.

Yamada et al is incapable of producing anything other than two different size dots. Reference can be made to Col. 3, line 57 to Col. 5, line 66 and Figs. 2-5 of Yamada et al wherein it is described how their equipment produces the different size dots, and can only produce two such sizes. As a consequence, it cannot be said that the Applicant's invention as defined by the claims is anticipated by Yamada

et al, as Yamada et al does not disclose the use of three or more dots. Furthermore, upon a reading of Yamada et al it would not be obvious for one to use more than two dots since there is no suggestion in Yamada et al that printing be done with dots of at least three sizes.

In view of the above amendments and comments, this application is deemed in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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